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Dr. David Wilson
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Dear Dr. Wilson,

On behalf of the Hall of Records Commission, I want to thank you for your suggestions about how the Commission might respond in a constructive manner to the recent events in Baltimore. Dr. Phillips shared your ideas as "New Business" at Tuesday's meeting. Your recommendations for educational programming, public outreach, and archival training for college students inspired an enthusiastic discussion by the Commission and staff of the Archives. In particular, the Commission supported the idea that the Archives would take the lead in gathering together the state's educational institutions to examine how they might collectively generate and support programs that will engage students in these three areas.

The City of Baltimore, and its residents, have been on everyone's mind as we have witnessed the troubling events unfold. I know I speak for the entire Commission in saying that your thoughtful introduction of these events in Tuesday's meeting provided a welcome context for meaningful discourse. I am grateful to Morgan State University in leading the Commission in this important discussion.

Dr. Phillips also informed the Commission that he is retiring in December. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for Dr. Phillips's dedicated service to the Commission over the past 21 years in representing Morgan State University. His contributions have been consistently thoughtful, useful, and invaluable in helping shape the role of the Commission in guiding the State Archives. Dr. Phillips will be missed, but his good work will be his legacy. I look forward to working with you or your designee to continue to gain the benefit of the perspective of Morgan State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mary Ellen Barbera".

Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge, Court of Appeals
and
Chair, Hall of Records Commission

cc: T. Baker, State Archives
Dr. G. Phillips, Morgan State University